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Re: Docket No. 2008-0083 - Application of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. for Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules

Dear Parties:

For your information and review, enclosed please find copies of public comments and correspondence received by the commission in the above-referenced docket.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 586-2019.

Sincerely,

Kaiulani Kidani Shinsato
Commission Counsel

KKS:cp

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November 9, 2008

Mr. Calito P. Caliboso
Chairman
Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
465 South King Street, Room 103
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Hawaiian Electric Rates

Dear Mr. Chairman:

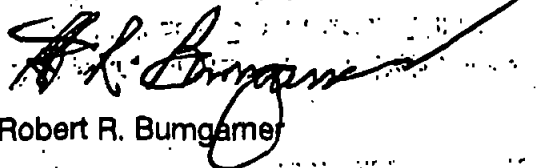
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We hope that you and your colleagues on the P.U.C. will give serious consideration to the plight of average families as you act on HEI's request for a rate increase.

Aloha,



Robert R. Bumgarner

cc: Senator Will Espero
Representative Kymberly Pine



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Subject HEI Rate Making

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Aloha,

/s/ Robert R. Bumgarner
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Subject Increases in Electric rates

Dear Sirs:

Please do not allow HECO any increases. They posted I believe an 84% profit for the last quarter. This means that they have taken our money for increased fuel costs but they didn't really have them and so they have a big profit. This is really wrong.

I pay about \$126 per month. We are 2 seniors living in our home. We have no large electrical appliances. Our base rate is \$8 per month and everything else is fluff for HECO. WE got a solar water heater and our bill went up \$26 per month. What kind of savings is that? HECO ads are false advertising.

Please decrease their rates appropriately.

Thank you.

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